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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads

Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Directors of Special Education, Administrators of Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of

Hearing

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner

Division of Student Services

Pre-ETS Services for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) would like to inform school districts and programs that serve students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) about pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS) for students ages 14 to 21 offered by The Regional Career Centers for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RCC). The RCCs are funded through a contract with the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (NJDVRS) and provide vocational assessments, job readiness training, job coaching, and assistive technology demonstrations to adults as well as pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS) to students in high school and out-of-school youth. More details, including contact information for the RCC, can be found on the Resources for Students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind on the NJDOE website's transition page and on the NJDVRS website.

The <u>Pre ETS-Referral form</u> must be completed by the student or the student's parent or guardian to obtain services in Pre-ETS.

Contact information

For further information or questions, email dhh.education@doe.nj.gov.

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